



<u>Committee and Date</u>
The Five Perry Parishes Local Joint Committee
21 st March 2013
7.00 p.m.

<u>Item/Paper</u>
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NOTE OF DECISIONS AND ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE FIVE PERRY PARISHES LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 8TH NOVEMBER 2012 AT OSWESTRY RUGBY CLUB, PARK HALL, WHITTINGTON ROAD, OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.

7.00 P.M. – 9.25 P.M.

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PRESENT:

Members of the Committee:

Steve Charmley	Shropshire Council (Whittington Division)
Aggie Caesar-Homden	Shropshire Council (Ruyton and Baschurch Division)
Geraldine Tomlins	Baschurch Parish Council
Jean Duncan	Hordley Parish Council
David Curtis	West Felton Parish Council
Greg Hickman	Whittington Parish Council

Officers:

Inspector Amrik Klair	West Mercia Police
Brian Welti	Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service
Corrie Davies	Community Action Officer, Shropshire Council
Sarah Townsend	Committee Officer, Shropshire Council (Notes)

There were approximately 20 members of the public at the meeting.

		ACTION
1.	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS FROM THE CHAIRMAN	
1.1	The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting and asked members of the Committee to introduce themselves.	
2.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
2.1	Apologies for absence were received from: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Councillor Roy Roberts, Baschurch Parish Council. Councillor Geraldine Tomlins attended as his substitute.• Councillor Simon Gittins, Ruyton-XI-Towns Parish Council.	
3.	DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS	
3.1	Members of the Committee were reminded that they must not participate in the discussion or voting on any matter in which they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and should leave the room	

prior to the commencement of the debate.

- 3.2 Councillor Charmley explained that he had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in relation to the funding application received from Whittington Music Festival (School Workshops) as his daughter attended Whittington C of E Primary School and if the application were funded, his daughter could be one of the pupils chosen to benefit from the workshop as it was only being provided to pupils within her school year. He stated that he would leave the room prior to the funding application being discussed.

4. NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- 4.1 It was **Resolved** that the notes of the meeting of The Five Perry Parishes Local Joint Committee held on 12th July 2012 be approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

5. SHROPSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

- 5.1 The Chairman welcomed Mr Brian Welti, Watch Manager at Baschurch Station, Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service to the meeting. Mr Welti provided information relating to chimneys, wood burners, tea lights, electric blankets, smoke alarms, oil burners and carbon monoxide detectors. He also explained that Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service had received less calls when compared to this time last year.

- 5.2 It was noted that Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service provided a free Home Fire Safety Visit to anyone who requested it. However, smoke alarms were only now available to those aged 75 and over and vulnerable people. Further information could be obtained by contacting Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service on (01743) 260200.

- 5.3 Mr Welti explained that Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service were currently recruiting Retained (On Call) Firefighters across Shropshire (including Baschurch). To be eligible, a person had to live within five minutes of their local retained fire station and be aged 18 or over. Further information could be obtained by contacting Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service on (01743) 260200.

- 5.4 It was noted that one of the Retained (On Call) Firefighters within Baschurch was also a First Responder. It was requested that Mr Welti email the Baschurch Newsletter in order that this information could be included within its next edition.

6. PARTNERS AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER (PACT)

- 6.1 The Chairman welcomed Inspector Amrik Klair, Oswestry and North Shropshire West Mercia Police Inspector, to the meeting. Inspector Klair's introduced himself explaining that he commenced his new role in May 2012 and had a criminal investigation background.

- 6.2 An update on the latest crime figures for The Five Perry Parishes area was provided and it was noted that these figures were

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extremely low.

6.3 Inspector Klair explained that compared to last year, there had been an increase in the number of burglaries across the West Mercia Policing Area as well as nationally. As a result, West Mercia Police had established its 'Lighten Up!' campaign to promote the simple precautions that can be taken to significantly reduce the chances of homes being burgled. It was noted that local policing teams were distributing home security advice packs to properties and householders that might be particularly vulnerable, as well as using posters to reinforce the messages.

6.4 Councillor Caesar-Homden explained that there had recently been an incident by Baschurch Village Hall, which had been dealt with extremely well by PC Paul Crump. Inspector Klair confirmed that he would ensure that the Baschurch Community Support Officer provided more of a presence in the area and also, attended future meetings of the Parish Council.

**Inspector
AK**

6.5 A member of the public explained that they had concerns regarding speeding through Baschurch. Inspector Klair responded by saying that members of the public would see an increase in the level of speeding enforcement provided within local areas as some special constables had recently been trained to issue tickets and a new speed gun had also been purchased. However, prior to issuing speeding tickets, Inspector Klair stated that it would probably be more effective to issue warning letters first. It was noted that West Mercia Police were no longer funding community speed watch initiatives, as they were unable to be enforced.

6.6 Heavy Goods Vehicles speeding through Baschurch was also raised as a concern by a member of the public along with whether it would be possible to install a 20 mph speed limit. Inspector Klair stated that special calming measures would first need to be installed such as speed bumps and that he would investigate this further with Highways.

**Inspector
AK**

7. WHITTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL PROJECT

7.1 The Chairman welcomed Mr Andy Cawthray to the meeting. Mr Cawthray provided information on Guerrilla Gardening, a local project that Whittington Primary School were involved in and the Chelsea Fringe.

7.2 Mr Cawthray explained that Guerrilla Gardening was gardening on land that the gardeners do not have the right to use; often an abandoned site or area not cared for by anyone. He questioned how many parish council's have or own land like this within their local areas i.e. neglected patches of land and no appetite to tidy them up.

7.3 Mr Cawthray went onto explain how Whittington Primary School were currently involved in plans for transforming a neglected patch of ground within Whittington. The Parish Council had given their support to the project and pupils were currently deciding what should be included on the land.

- 7.4 It was noted that the Chelsea Fringe Festival would be taking place from 18th May 2013 – 9th June 2013. The festival's aim is to spread the excitement and energy of gardens and gardening. Further information can be found on their website (www.chelseafringe.com).

8. UPDATE FROM LOCAL GROUPS PREVIOUSLY FUNDED BY THE LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

(A) WEST FELTON GARDENING CLUB

- 8.1 Ms Jane Miles was in attendance to provide information relating to West Felton Gardening Club which, had recently received funding from The Five Perry Parishes Local Joint Committee. She explained that the club had been established for exactly a year and that having initially advertised in a local magazine for anyone interested in being part of a gardening club to attend a meeting, over 40 people turned up.

(B) OSWESTRY DRAMA PROJECT

- 8.2 Ms Hazel Davis was in attendance to provide information relating to the Oswestry Drama Project which, had recently received funding from The Five Perry Parishes Local Joint Committee. She explained that the aim of the project was to make theatre accessible to the community and provided information on how the Oswestry Drama Project was launched and the success of its recent production of William Shakespeare's 'The Tempest'.
- 8.3 It was noted that the next production of Oswestry Drama Project was William Shakespeare's 'Much Ado About Nothing' and this would be held in July 2013 at The Vaults, Oswestry.

9. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- 9.1 No questions were received.

10. THE FIVE PERRY PARISHES LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE BUDGET AND FUNDING APPLICATIONS

- 10.1 The report of the Community Action Officer advising members of three applications received for funding from the Local Joint Committee budget was circulated. It was noted that the following applications had been received:

- Whittington Music Festival: £1,300 towards school music workshops at Whittington C of E Primary School and The Corbet School, Baschurch as part of the Whittington Chamber Music Festival.
(Councillor Charmley left the room prior to the discussion on this application).
- Whittington Community Centre: £800 towards restoring the rear wall of the building to a weatherproof condition by making good the pointing defects.
- Oswestry Sibling Group: £834 towards the cost of venues, refreshments, trips / activities and additional resources.

10.2	The Chairman invited those applicants in attendance to present their funding applications to everyone present. The Committee were asked if they had any further comments to make prior to them voting on each application.	
10.3	It was Resolved that The Five Perry Parishes Local Joint Committee allocate funding from their 2012/13 budget as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oswestry Sibling Group: £324 for the cost of trips / activities only. 	CD to arrange payment
10.4	It was Noted that The Five Perry Parishes Local Joint Committee had approved funding from their 2012/13 budget via delegated authority as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whittington Community Centre: £800 towards restoring the rear wall of the building to a weatherproof condition by making good the pointing defects. The Chairman explained that this application had been approved under delegated authority at the Committee's planning meeting on 11th October 2012 due to the timescales of the work involved. It was also noted that no more funding would be available if the final bill exceeded £800. 	CD to arrange payment
10.5	It was Resolved that The Five Perry Parishes Local Joint Committee do not fund the following application: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whittington Music Festival: £1,300 towards school music workshops at Whittington C of E Primary School and The Corbet School, Baschurch as part of the Whittington Chamber Music Festival. In making their decision, the Committee stated that the schools were providing no match funding, £500 was a lot of money to be spent on a one hour workshop for a maximum of 30 pupils and the schools already benefited from Shropshire Music Service. The Committee also expressed concerns as to how the 30 pupils would be selected and stated that they would prefer to have a concert provided at a local village hall, which would be open to anyone to attend. 	CD to advise
11.	LOCAL NEWS AND INFORMATION	
11.1	The Chairman explained that Shropshire Council was currently looking into a new speed policy and that all Parish Council's should have received a letter providing further information about this.	
11.2	Each of the Parish Council Representatives provided information on local events that were happening over the next few months within their area.	
11.3	Councillor Curtis reported that West Felton Parish Council were against the proposals for the National Grid pylon routes and he encouraged people not to support them. Councillor Charmley stated that Shropshire Council's stance was that they were opposed to them being installed overground.	
11.4	Corrie Davies, Community Action Officer, provided an update on the following:	

- Various funding streams available that were currently accepting applications.
- Details of help required / consultations that were currently being undertaken by Shropshire Council and other bodies.
- Forthcoming community events in Shropshire.

Further information regarding all of the above, including the latest copy of the Shropshire Voluntary and Community Sector Assembly Newsletter, was available to be taken away at the end of the meeting.

- 11.5 It was reported that applications that had been successful in receiving funding from the Local Joint Committee in the last financial year, were currently being monitored and it was noted that the deadline for applications to be received for the next round of Local Joint Committee funding was Friday, 15th February 2013.

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12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 12.1 It was noted that the next meeting of The Five Perry Parishes Local Joint Committee would be held on Thursday, 21st March 2013 at Hordley and Bagley Village Hall commencing at 7.00 p.m.

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Chairman: _____

Date: _____